

HOUSE BILL 1322

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to child sexual abuse investigations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(b)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(B)

(i) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a child advocacy center shall perform the initial forensic interview with a child who is the alleged victim of child sexual abuse.

(ii) If subsequent interviews are found necessary by the team, the team shall seek to interview the child in a neutral setting, other than where the alleged abuse occurred, whenever possible.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.